

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

April 5, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FITZPATRICK made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 376.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the memorial of Major Benjamin Alvord, a paymaster in the United States army, having had the same under consideration, report :*

That on the 4th of January, 1860, the memorialist delivered to Brevet Major Robert Allen, of the quartermaster's department, at San Francisco, in California, \$14,000 in specie, to be transported through that department to Major Alvord, at Vancouver, Washington Territory. Major Allen turned this money over to Wells, Fargo & Co., for transportation, and they placed it on the steamer Northerner, W. L. Dall, master, which left San Francisco the same day for the Columbia river. The treasure was in care of a faithful agent of the company, D. W. Barry. On the 5th of January, 1860, the Northerner was wrecked by striking a rock near Cape Mendocina, and the money was lost in despite of all the efforts of its custodian, Mr. Barry, who lost his life in his attempt to save these funds.

These facts are sustained by the sworn testimony of Major Allen, Samuel Knight, an agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., and by Captain Dall, master of the steamer.

The committee are fully satisfied that the money was lost in the manner stated above ; that the utmost exertions were made to save it ; that no part of it has been recovered, there being no insurance against the dangers of the sea, and that Major Alvord, the memorialist, is free from all blame in connection therewith ; and they therefore report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

